

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/009,679	HAUG, WERNER	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/9/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5,6 and 9-14.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 October 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

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 PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER

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## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. This is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The closest prior art Fajour U.S. Pat. No. 6,390,577 discloses a franking machine that includes an inkjet print head, a row of nozzles operated selectively to print a postal mark on a mail item passing under the print head.

JP02003246167A Nomura, Toyofusa et al discloses a printing cloth which is highly pliable and makes a feathering-free ultrasharp pattern through inkjet printing or dying, and a laminated postal matter using the cloth.

IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin discloses a way of creating a pen that would be able to be used to produce huge number of different colors, and allow the color to change in a continuous manner.

However, neither Fajour nor IMB Technical Disclosure Bulletin and Nomura fails to anticipate or render obvious the recited feature:

As per claim 1 "wherein the service slide 201 at the forward end has a wiperlip 209 extending transversely to the direction of movement and acting during movement of the service slide 201 onto the projecting jet opening plane of the print head, wherein the service slide 201 in the advancing direction has at least one sealing bell 203 which is arranged behind the head 228 and can be pressed against the plane by being lifted, and wherein the service slide 201 comprises a scotch-yoke groove 215 as a connecting device to the control disk 218 for receiving the eccentric pin 221, wherein the groove secures the service slide 201 in the service position when the eccentric pin passes through and, upon further rotational movement of the control disk 218 connected in

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driving connection with the guide arrangement 225, the service slide 201 is locked in the service position by means of the lifting control curves 226A, 226B provided on the guide arrangement 225, whereby the sealing bell 203 is pressed against the jet opening plane".

**Conclusion**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 703 305-3987. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703 305-9769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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